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'Sax' Dance Next Friday Night; Book to Be Out

The 1940 Saxifrage Dance will be held in the college library next Friday evening, May 17, from eight to eleven o'clock. The dance, an annual affair sponsored by the year-book staff, has as its highlight the presentation of the Saxifrage which, this year, will be given to all seniors and juniors and to all underclassmen who have subscribed to the book.

Members of the Saxifrage board are as follows: editor-in-chief, Herbert Downs; associate editor, Lester Aldrich; business manager, Harry O'Connell; assistant business manager, Helen Hartnett; advertising manager, Larry Colson; directory editor,

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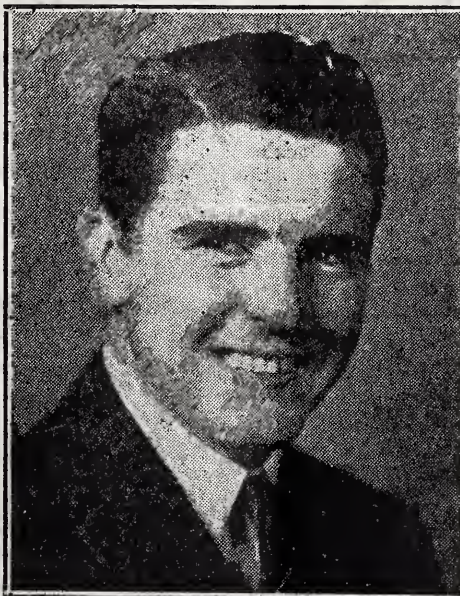
EVENTS FOR FIELD DAY IN PREPARATION BY BOARD

The program for Field Day, Friday, May 17, has been drawn up by the W. A. A. Co-recreation Committee composed of Elizabeth O'Connor, Francis McCarthy, and Gertrude Hermanson and a committee from the Intra-Mural Board consisting of Frank Luokkala and Ed Donnelly.

The program has been planned to include events for women, events for men, and co-recreational events. Several novelty races and contests, softball games, and track events have been arranged. The complete program will be posted on the

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Baseball Team To Play Bridgewater Tomorrow



STAN ENGLISH
Captain of Baseball Team

TRYOUTS FOR DEBATING CLUB NEXT TUESDAY

The Debating Club will conduct its annual tryout next Tuesday, at 3 o'clock in the assembly hall. All students who are interested in this activity are cordilly invited. The Debating Club offers its members an opportunity to become proficient public speakers, both on the lecture platform and over the radio. Highlights of this season were the debates with Holy Cross College and Boston College and five radio debates, three of which were broadcast over Station W. T. A. G. Worcester.

INITIAL CONTEST AT PEARL ST. GROUNDS

The Fitchburg Teachers College basketball team will play its opening game of the season tomorrow afternoon at the Pearl St. Fairgrounds with its most important rival, Bridgewater Teachers.

The starting lineup is composed of three freshmen, Jim Amsler, Don Davis, and Dick Bejune; three sophomores, Bill Powers, Bill Konsavage, and Al Cyganesiwick; two juniors, Chet Smith and Yutch Harvey; and one senior, Captain Stan English. Jack Feeley, John Gemma, Noonoo Marella and Henry Kelly will also probably see some action.

The team, although made up chiefly of underclassmen, is con-

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GLEE CLUB OUTING IN ASHBURNHAM TONIGHT

The members of the college Glee Club, with Miss Helen Curry, director and sponsor, will hold their final meeting of the college year during an outing and picnic supper to be held at Whittemore Lodge in Ashburnham this afternoon. Cars will leave the college at 1:30 and at 2:30.

Raymond Lowe is general chairman of the affair and head of the food committee. His

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Editorial—

Last year many of the commuting men who could not afford to buy their lunches had no alternative but to eat in the men's rest room. A fine lunch room was arranged because it was felt that the rest room was not a fit place in which to eat. Now, the way the students have carried on this year, it is becoming an unfit place in which to smoke.

Several weeks ago the Commuting Men's Board published a list of rules for behavior, with a statement that anyone who violated these rules would be barred from use of the room. But there was such an utter lack of cooperation—both from students and faculty—that it was impossible to enforce the penalty.

That is how the situation stands today. The floor is covered with cigarette stubs, where our amateur basketballers "just missed." Papers are in the cans for matches and cigarettes, so that a minor conflagration is always imminent. Checker players have trouble finding pieces to play with.

Let's all check up on ourselves; care on the part of a handful will do little good. Cooperation seems to be some sort of a by-word around here. We have a Student Cooperative Association; we preach Democracy, and Democracy is a failure without cooperation. Let us demand the same cooperation of ourselves in such matters as this that we demand from others in such things as student government.

The Ash Tray

by Roger D. Holt

Observations: Now that spring weather is really in earnest, isn't it a shame that our studies cut into our extra-curricula so drastically?.....a genius is much harder to live with than just an ordinary fool.....it wouldn't be half so bad if all the world just went off the gold standard if only they hadn't gone off the Golden Rule one at the same time.....has anyone else yet noticed how the present war is trying to outdo Jules Verne?

Thoughts: I wonder if it is possible to play checkers as well when you are really trying to as when you are trying to help someone else by looking over his shoulder.....once a sparrow flew blindly into a sea gull—just another case of "Boid Meets Gull.".....Victor Herbert was inconsistent when he wrote one of his most popular tunes. For instance: "Just a kiss in the dark, but to me 'twas a lark." He gives her a kiss and she gives him a bird.

Sillynoms: Gullible—how to describe a man who knows his daughter is a good girl because she came home from a trip with a Gideon Bible in her handbag.....philanthropist—a man who decides in his later years to let the poor devils have a little of it back.....pawn ticket—an 8-ball that fits in the vest pocket.....successful—the feeling that comes over a woman who has made another woman jealous.

Pome:

In olden days of long ago,
Men welcomed prophets new;
Today, though times have changed
a bit,
They welcome profits, too.

The first hundred years' are the hardest—speaking of a bride's biscuits.

Keeping Up: Not long ago a report came out in the papers that a Broadway bandit had stolen five nights' proceeds from "Tobacco Road." What does he expect the players to do—run around in rags?.....have they ever finished the Beguine?.....a picture of Bing Crosby's family would be aptly captioned, "My Son, My Son, My Son, My Son."

Novelty Radio Announcement: "Do you feel tired, headachy, logey? Well, I'm sorry—but I feel that way too, and I don't know a thing to do about it."

EVELYN MUCHA HEADS MILLER HALL BOARD

Evelyn Mucha was elected House President of Miller Hall Board at the recent election. Mary Lewis was chosen senior representative; Virginia Sullivan, and Edith Beauchamp, sophomore representative.

MODERN DANCERS AT LOWELL SYMPOSIUM

Nine modern dancers of Fitchburg took part in a modern dance festival at Lowell Teachers College last night. The group gave a study in rhythm, direction, level, contraction and relaxation.

Those who performed were Barbara Baldwin, Norma Hadd, Alice Gay, Viola Bruso, Helen Devecis, Laila Eklin, Ruby Evans, Mary Dempsey, and Beverly O'Donnell. They were accompanied by Miss Bolger and Miss Stafford.

Other teachers colleges represented at the symposium in addition to Fitchburg and Lowell were Bridgewater, Salem, and Framingham.

Alumni Notes

A. Henry Ottoson '23 has been elected president of the Mass. Junior High Principals Assn. for the coming year. Mr. Ottoson was appointed principal of the Easter Junior High School in Arlington in 1939, having come from the principalship of the Memorial Junior High School in Framingham.

The Class of 1915 is planning a special reunion. Miss Marie Gearan of the college is a member of the committee for the dinner to be held on July 13.

The Boston chapter of the alumni will have a spring dinner at the University Club on May 20. Fitchburg graduates in Boston and vicinity number about 400, so a large crowd is expected.

'For Mother's Day

Of thee I sing, Mother dear,
Poems of praise for all to hear.
On this day of all most bright,
May you be blessed in God's
sight.

No sweeter symphony has e'er
played

Than when on bended knees
you prayed

The Lord to spare me for your
sake

Even though within your heart
did quake.

I remember joyous hours in
friendship spent,

Full of laughter and pure glad
content.

Hours made bright all the while,
E'en when 'twas hard to smile.

Unselfish devotion, love so sin-
cere,

Forgiving everything, year
after year.

The childhood songs I loved to
hear.

Still linger fondly in this
mature ear.

For all those things big and
small,

So many 'tis hard to recall,
May richer blessings reach your
door

Than e'er a day has brought
before.

I wish that all could be shown,
The hopes and fears thou hast
known,

And bless you doubly on this day,
This day of yours, in beautiful
May.

Franklyn Bishop

SCHOOL DONATES TO CARTER MEMORIAL

The faculty and students of the college, through the Council, are contributing to a bronze plaque marking the birthplace of James Gordon Carter. Mr. Carter was a pioneer in demanding that teachers be professionally trained for their work. His private normal school was one of the first in America and he is often called the father of public normal schools. As a member on the committee on education in the Massachusetts Legislature he sponsored the bill creating the state board of education. He broke the ground for Horace Mann.

The marker is being erected as a feature of the 200th anniversary of the City of Leominster. Since Fitchburg is the Teachers College nearest Leominster and since Joel Miller and John G. Thompson, former presidents of the college, were from Leominster it is doubly fitting that we should have a show in this memorial. The Saxifrage emblem will appear on the design as a symbol of that participation.

Council Notes

1. Report of ticket committee.
2. Report of freshman initiation committee.
3. Green and white standardized as colors for handbook and association membership cards.
4. Suggestions for Association meeting.
5. Discussion of next year's cultural presentation.
6. Discussion of buffet luncheon for class day.

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EDNA CHARRIER CHOSEN ART CLUB PRESIDENT

At a recent meeting of the Art Club, Edna Charrier of Fitchburg, was elected president for 1940-41. Other officers elected for next year were: Vice-President and Treasurer, Russell "Stony" Anderson and Secretary, Marian Philbin.

Baseball Game

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sidered very strong and it is hoped that Fitchburg will have one of the finest teams that it has had for a long time.

Bill Powers, leading batter last year, is back again this year. Bill Konsavage and Jim Amsler both played with the Gorham team of the New Hampshire league last summer, where they impressed fans very favorably with their clever fielding and hitting. Captain English, a veteran of four years has been playing great ball. Amsler, who has showed his ability in sports already, was given trials by the Pittsburg Pirates and the Boston Bees.

The starting lineup and batting order, as released by Coach Kulcinski earlier in the week is as follows: Bejune 2nd, English CF, Konsavage 1st, Powers SS, Amsler 3rd, Cyganesiwick P, Davis RF, Harvey C, Smith LF.

Glee Club Outing

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assistants are Bernice Cleaves, head of entertainment; Barbara Baldwin, housing; Henry Koscuisko, transportation; and Eino Hakala.

Plans for the club schedule for the coming year will be announced. Out-door sports, featuring a basketball game between the men and women, a scavenger hunt and a sing-out will entertain the group.

DRAMATIC CLUB ELECTS; TO HAVE OUTING SOON

Beverly O'Donnell was elected president of the Dramatic Club at the last regular meeting of the year which was highlighted by several well presented readings by Mr. John Dillon of the Fitchburg High School faculty. Other officers elected were: Vice President, Dorothy Hackett, Secretary Eileen O'Neil, Treasurer, Richard Kelliher.

Plans were made for the annual outing and initiation of new members to be held Wednesday, May 15, at Cogshall Park. Refreshments were served.

COMMUTING MEN HOLD BANQUET

The annual banquet for the Commuting men which was held Tuesday in the men's lunch room, was a great success. After the meal, talks were given by Mr. Western, Mr. Gearin, and Mr. Lalli.

Dick Allen played the piano for group singing, which was led by Bill Cove. The banquet was brought to a close by the presentation of the annual cup, to the best scholar and athlete.

Saxifrage Dance

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Roger Holt; photography editor, Phyllis Batterson; organization editor, Russell Gearin; feature editor, Helen Gibson; art editor, Barbara Baldwin; write-ups, Mary Gibbons; sports, Ruth Hughes and Al Turner.

Mr. Hague and Mr. Weston are advisors to the publication.

We solicit your patronage

The College Spa

W.A.A. Notes

The softball season is here again under the direction of Punky O'Connor, head of this sport. Forty girls turned out on last Tuesday for the first spring practice. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the rest of the W. A. A. activity season.

A tennis tournament for the girls will start today at noon time and must be played off by Friday of next week. The winner of this tournament will be awarded a silver cup at the W. A. A. Banquet to be held May 20, will be awarded for singles only at the Hotel Raymond. This cup and the games may be played at any time. For the final match Miss Bolger and Miss Stafford will be the official judges and Mary Owens, coach of tennis will officiate.

Field Day

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bulletin board on Monday, May 13.

Sub-committees will be formed to have the general jurisdiction over certain events, and this list will be found on the bulletin board.

One week from tonight at the Sax Dance, the 1940 Saxifrage will be distributed. It will be necessary for all freshmen and sophomore purchasers to have their receipts with them at this time.

As was stated before, all those failing to pay after a certain date were not guaranteed a book; therefore those books will be given to the first persons paying the required amount at or before the dance next week.

Harry O'Connell,
Business Manager